



Gerry E. Studds Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary
Management Plan Review

Vessel Strike Working Group – Draft Agenda

Date: 5 April 2004
Location: Stellwagen Bank NMS HQ, Scituate

TIME	TOPICS AND OBJECTIVES
9:00-9:15	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review Meeting Summary- Updates on Requested Information Discussion Leader: Mason Weinrich /Dave Wiley
9:15-9:35	Action Plans: Format and Contents Presenter: David Wiley, SBNMS
9:35-10:05	Presentation: The Mandatory Ship Reporting System (MRS) and Commercial Vessel Traffic around the SBNMS Presenter: Pat Gerrior, NMFS
10:05 – 10:30	Presentation: Commerical Shipping and Cruise Data from the Port of Boston Presenter: Brad Wellock, Massport
10:30 – 11:45	Presentation: The National Ship Strike Strategy Presenter: Greg Silber, NMFS Office of Protected Species
11:45-12:00	Presentation: SBNMS Data on shipping and whales Presenter: Dave Wiley, SBNMS
12:00-12:30	Presentation: Economics and modeling of ship strike measures Presenter: Hauke Kite-Powell, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch (Video: whales and ships from the Blimp)
13:00 – 15:30	Discussion: Management of Commercial Vessel Traffic in the SBNMS in regards to Vessel/Baleen Whale Collisions



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	<p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Synthesize and review morning presentations,2. Discuss management options (e.g., Is status quo sufficient? Is NMFS strategy sufficient? If not, what additional measures might be considered?)3. Discuss costs and benefits of various strategies and options4. Begin formulation of draft action plan <p>Discussion leader: Mason Weinrich</p>
15:30 – 16:15	<p>Discussion: Whale Watch Guideline Compliance Plan</p> <p>In this discussion we will return to the part of the whale watch plan that was left unfinished at the last meeting, assuring compliance of the whale watch guidelines that protect whales from the risk of collision.</p>
16:15 – 16:30	<p>Conclusion and looking forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Next Steps- Review Agreements and Data Requests